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TO THE RIGHT
Honorable the House of Peeres now
assembled in Parliament,

The humble Petition of the Knights, Gentlemen and Free-holders of
the County of NORTHAMPTON

Sheweth



That your Petitioners, with all humble thankfulnesse, acknowledge your good affections to the Church and Common-weale, declared, aswell by your Concurrence with the Honorable House of Commons, in passing the Bill against the Bishops Votes, and Place in your Honorable House, as also by your joynt endeavours to his Majesty, to put the Forts and Militia of the Kingdome, for the safeguard thereof, into a Posture of Defence,

But your Petitioners observing to their regret, that many endeavours of the House of Commons have in great part been made fruitlesse, through the cunning practices of the Papists and their adherents, with the evill Counsellors, fomenting (as your Petitioners humbly conceive) a misunderstanding betwixt the King and his People, thereby hindring the passing of divers good Bills, and occasioning obstructions to other good proceedings, especially for the settlement of Religion, and Reformation of Church Government.

They doe therefore humbly pray, there may be still a Concurrence in your Lordships with the House of Commons, in the use of such meanes to his Majesty, as may conduce to the remedy of those Evils, as well by removing evill Counsellors from his Royall Person, and barring the Votes of Popish Lords in your Honorable House, as also by disarming and restraining Recusants, securing the Cinque-ports, Towre of London, Isles of Wight, Gersey, and Garnsey, with all other Forts of the Kingdome, punishing Delinquents, purging the Vniversities from corruption in doctrine and manners, taking away Pluralities, setting competent provision for deserving Ministers, establishing of Church Government according to the Word of God, and speeding reliefe to our distressed Brethren in Ireland, To which end wee desire to make tender of our persons and estates, by all due means, for defence of his Majesty, and the Priviledges of Parliament, with readinesse to comply with all your just commands and proceedings, praying for happy successe and issue thereof, further desiring your Lordships to take into consideration the distressed estate of the poorer sort of people, who, for want of Trade, and imployment, are brought to great extremity, which (without timely prevention) may prove of dangerous consequence.

And your Petitioners (as in duty bound) shall ever pray, &c.